

Summary

The history of our world in 18 minutes | David Christian

The TED talk by David Christian focuses on the overall development of the universe and of the Earth particularly since the big bang. It points out that the history of human existence is very short looking at it from this perspective, when even just the period from the big bang until the first atoms of helium and hydrogen appeared was twice as long. The speaker answers the question how it is possible that the universe does not go from order to chaos, but rather the other way around, when this is caused by collective learning people are capable of. Christian warns us we should use our power of accumulation of knowledge in a good way and not to go in the path of, for instance, nuclear weapons or burning fossil fuels, because our world is not only extraordinary complex, but also fragile.

Very nice, effective usage of longer sentence structures, but be careful not to get lost in them ;)